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SUBJECT: NRW SPD LEADERS OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING HANOVER CONVENTION

1. CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL SPD POLITICIANS DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS INDICATE GENERAL OPTIMISM AMONG THE LEADERSHIP THAT THE EXTREME LEFT AMONG THE JUSOS AND THEIR ALLIES WILL BE EFFECTIVELY CONTAINED AT THE FORTHCOMING HANOVER CONVENTION.

2. NRW LABOR MINISTER FIGGEN (LEADER OF THE LARGEST SPD DISTRICT ORGANIZATION IN THE FRG) AND OBERBUERGERMEISTER KATZOR OF ESSEN AMONG OTHERS TOLD ME IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS THAT THEY DID NOT EXPECT THE LEFTISTS TO BE ABLE TO MUSTER MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT SUPPORT FOR THEIR PROPOSALS AT HANOVER, THAT BRANDT
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AND THE LEADERSHIP WOULD RETAIN EFFECTIVE CONTROL, AND THAT THE BAD GODESBERG AND DORTMUND PROGRAMS WOULD BE MAINTAINED.

3. FIGGEN EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE TO GENERALIZE CONCERNING THE JUSOS AS THE MAJORITY WERE RELATIVELY MODERATE. THE LEFTISTS MANAGED TO CREATE AN EXAGGERATED IMPRESSION OF THEIR STRENGTH BY VIRTUE OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL AND RHETORICAL TALENTS AND THE USE OF TERRORIST TACTICS, BUT THAT WHEN MISSION TO HELP THE RTG IMPLEMENT THE CI PROGRAM CONTEMPLATED FOR NEXT YEAR, DEPENDING UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, WHICH NECESSARILY ARE LIMITED. MACT POINTED OUT THE VALUE OF ACCELERATING THE PROGRAM PROCESS NEXT YEAR TO MINIMIZE LAST MINUTE PRESSURE ON THE BUDGET CYCLE, AND TO IDENTIFY DATES BY WHICH SPECIFIC ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED. WE SUGGESTED THAT MULTI- YEAR PLANNING BE ADOPTED WHENEVER FEASIBLE.

4. GENERAL SAIYUD ACCEPTED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE THE RTG UNDERSTANDS THE LIMITATIONS ON US ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR, CI PROGRAMMERS MUST BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY US HELP THAT CAN REASONABLY BE COUNTED ON IN ORDER TO PROGRAM THAI SUPPORT OR PROCUREMENT COSTS. SAIYUD TOLD US PRIVATELY AFTER THE MEETING THAT SOME ADDITIONAL US ASSISTANCE WOULD BE OF GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL VALUE IN ENCOURAGING INTER- AGENCY FORMULATION OF CI REQUIREMENTS WHICH, CONSIDERED IN THIS MANNER, TEND TO BE MUCH MORE REALISTIC THAN THE NEEDS DEVELOPED BY INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES UNDER THE PURPORTED UMBRELLA OF CI. CSOC' S PRIME CONCERN, HE SAID, IS TO ASSURE THAT REASOURCES MADE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTER OF GOVERNMENT ARE DISTRIBUTED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO THE NEEDED SITES ACCORDING TO PLAN.

5. ARMY (RTA/ TOC), POLICE (PROVINCIAL, BORDER PATROL AND SPECIAL BRANCH), AND CIVIL (LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND ACCELERATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT) REPRESENTATIVES DESCRIBED HIGHLIGHTS OF THEIR SUPPORTING PROGRAMS, CLEARLY RELATING THEM TO THE MASTER PLANNING GUIDANCE OF CSOC. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ROYAL THAI ARMY REPRESENTATIVE STATED, " EACH RTA PROGRAM DESCRIBED ABOVE IS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF COUNTERINSURGENCY CONCEPTS AND PLANS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL CI PROGRAM AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STRATEGIC CONCEPTS AND POLICIES OF CSOC." PARAGRAPH 6 CSOC, WHICH HAS RECEIVED INCREASING AUTHORITY AND SUPPORT DURING THE PAST YEAR, IS NOW PLAYING A MORE CONCRETE ROLE IN CI PROGRAMMING AND COORDINATION. KEY WILL BE EXTENT TO WHICH COORDINATING ROLE REALLY TAKES HOLD , INCLUDING AT LOCAL LEVEL, AND, OF COURSE, IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED. THIS IS AN ENCOURAGING BEGINNING, BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE.

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